## ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a linear drive, in particular a rack and pinion drive, comprising at least one motor element (2) which is mounted on or in a retaining element (1.1, 1.2). The motor element (2) drives, directly or indirectly, a pinion (4), optionally, via an integrated drive (3), said pinion co-operating with a linear guide (5). According to the invention, the retaining element (1.1, 1.2) can be displaced by at least one actuator (12.1 to 12.3) in relation to a receiving element (6).